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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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: **Examiner:** Nguyen, Phong H

For: CUT OFF METHOD FOR BAND-LIKE PAPER AND CONTROL APPARTUS THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action dated December 18, 2007, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. Claims 1-2 read on the elected Group I.

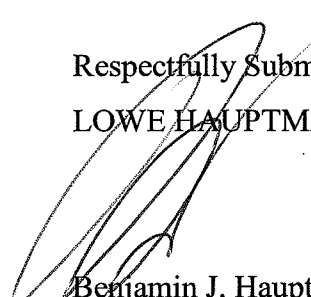
An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted

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